



PATENT

Atty. Docket No.: 2155CIP2A (203-3398CIP2A)

IFW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Wham, et al.

Examiner: Peffley

Serial No.: 10/626,390

Group: Art Unit 3739

Filed: July 24, 2003

For: Vessel Sealing System

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDIT. RATE FEE	ADDIT. RATE FEE
TOTAL	37	MINUS 36	= 1	X \$50.00	X \$50.00
INDEP.	3	MINUS 2	= 0	X \$0	X \$0
□ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				X \$	X \$0
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	OR TOTAL \$ 50.00
				\$ -0-	

* If the entry in Co. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

*** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postpaid in an envelope, addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on date below.

Dated: 5-2-06

Mary Jo Milarek

[x] Please charge Deposit Account No. 21-0550 in the amount of \$50.00. Two (2) copies of this sheet are enclosed.

[] A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

[X] Please charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) which may become due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or 1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 21-0550. Also, in the event any extensions of time for responding are required for the pending application(s), please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time as required and charge Deposit Account No. 21-0550 therefor. TWO (2) COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.

Respectfully submitted,



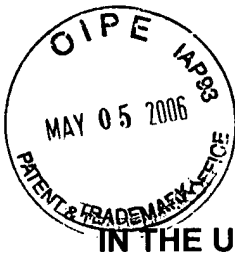
Thomas A. Beaton

Reg. No. 46,543

Attorney for Applicant(s)

Dated: 5/2/06

United States Surgical
A division of Tyco Healthcare Group LP
195 McDermott Road
North Haven, CT 06473
(303) 581-6831
Fax: (303) 581-6632



Patent Application
Atty. Docket: 2155 CIP 2A (203-3398 CIP 2A)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Wham, et al. **EXAMINER:** Michael F. Peffley
SERIAL NO.: 10/626,390 **GROUP ART UNIT:** 3739
Filing Date: July 24, 2003
FOR: **VESSEL SEALING SYSTEM**
CONFIRMATION NO.: 9811

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

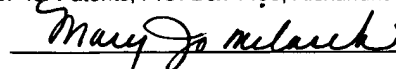
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postpaid in an envelope, addressed to the: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 2, 2006.

Dated: 5-2-06


Mary Jo Milacek